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TOPIC	Wittstock Airfield		25X1
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REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED Information			

1. Between 0715 and 1230 on 10 August and again between 0710 and 1325 on 11 August 1954, there was no air activity observed at Wittstock airfield. An alert unit of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was parked at the eastern end of the runway. Eight jet fighters were observed in front of the hangars.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 10 August, no change was observed on the AA gun emplacement in the western section of the field. Six 37-mm AA guns covered with tarpaulins and some soldiers were seen in the emplacement.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. The following radio installations and radar stations were observed at the field on 10 August:  
A radio mast, a van-like truck and 3 soldiers were seen on the western side of a hill about 450 meters northeast of the intersection of the Klein Hasslow-Biesen and Wittstock-Alt Daber roads. There was no wire connection between the radio mast and the truck seen. The mast was about 8 meters high. Its lower portion, approximately 6 meters, was painted green and braced by 2 guy wires at two sides, while the upper section, about 2 meters, seemed to be of made of brass. A cage like antenna about 30 x 50 cm, was fitted on the masthead. The cage had a reinforced ring on its upper edge and apparently wirings on its side.  
A Token-type radar set was observed on Rockstaedter Mountain, 2.5 km north of Klein Hasslow. The set rotated 10 times around its axis apparently moving in pendulum fashion to the left and right sides. It could not be determined whether the set operated in connection with air activity.<sup>3</sup>
4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 17 August and 16 September: 25X1  
17 August. Five jet fighters took off for firing [redacted] at ground targets. Each aircraft approached three times and gave 3 or 4 short bursts of fire with aircraft weapons. The landings were made after about 15 minutes.  
18 August. Between 1200 and 1230, 4 jet fighters took off in rapid succession. Firing at ground targets was again practiced but the cyclic rate was quicker than on the preceding day. A MiG-15 [redacted] 25X1  
20 August. At 1630, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off and practiced flying for 10 minutes. The weather was dull.  
25 August. At 0900 and 1115 respectively, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off for firing [redacted] at ground targets. Each aircraft approached the target 4 times

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and gave 3 or 4 short bursts of fire. The aircraft landed after about 30 minutes. At 1300, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off for air-to-ground firing. Between 1800 and 1900, 4 jet fighters were seen taking off at intervals of 30 seconds and subsequently also practiced firing at ground targets in the previously described way.

A cartridge case of a 37-mm gun was secured after air-to-ground firing practices.<sup>4</sup>

26 August. There was intensive air activity.

13 September. No air activity was observed. Seventeen MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars.

14 September. Between 0900 and 1705, take-offs were made by individual aircraft and by elements of two which remained aloft for about half an hour, while disappearing from view. All the aircraft were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

16 September. No air activity was observed. The alert unit of 4 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s was parked at the take-off point. The aircraft crew apparently stayed in a temporary building 5 x 10 meters large, in the vicinity of the take-off point. Behind this building was an earth bunker with fuel drums.<sup>1</sup>

5. The Token-type radar set on Hockstaedter Mountain was observed operating during air activity. An antenna mast and a building were seen on a hill just southwest of the field.<sup>3</sup>

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7. Excavation work was under way in the western extension of the runway. Private trucks loaded sand and gravel.<sup>6</sup>

8. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 23 August and 11 September:

23 August. No aircraft were seen aloft.

24 August. During the morning, individual flights were made by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s. During the afternoon, 1 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 made aerobatics.

25 August. During the morning, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying in formations of two and three. During the afternoon, formation flights were made and firing at ground targets was practiced by jet fighters flying individually.

26 and 27 August. Throughout the day, individual flying and firing at ground targets with machine guns were practiced.

28 August. The same air activity as on the preceding day, including flying in elements of two and air-to-ground firing with aircraft ~~guns~~ was conducted.

29 and 30 August. No air activity was observed.

31 August. Only two jet fighters were seen aloft flying in formation.

1 September. Throughout the day, MiG-15s practiced flying individually and in elements of two.

2 September. At 0800, a total of 12 jet fighters and 1 high-wing monoplane were counted at the field. The hangars were open.

Throughout the day, jet fighters practiced flying individually and in elements of two. Between 1515 and 1545, a formation of 28 single-engine aircraft was seen in the Wittstock air space. No bomb detonations were heard from direction of Gadow.

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4 September. Throughout the day, individual flying was practiced by jet fighters.

7 September. Individual jet fighters practiced flying throughout the day.

8 September. During the morning, there was individual flying by jet fighters.

10 September. Jet fighters practiced flying individually and in elements of two throughout the day. After 1900, firing at towed sleeve targets was observed.

11 September. Individual flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.<sup>1</sup>

9. No changes were observed on the landing radio beacon east of the field and on the Fishnet-type and Token-type radar sets on Rockstaedter Mountain.
10. Between 20 August and 4 September, 1 Token-type radar set and 1 Fishnet-type set were observed on Rockstaedter Mountain. A cage aerial was seen on a mast located on a hill northeast of the Red Mill Inn. Next to this antenna mast were two radio trucks without special antennas. No wire connections were seen. A Kniferest-type radar set and a Fishnet-type set were seen southwest of the athletic field in the area of the barracks buildings. The radio installation was located south of Berlinchen. A log-house was occupied by the operation personnel.<sup>3</sup>
11. No changes were observed on the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern section of the field.<sup>2</sup>
12. [REDACTED]
- On 20 August, 20 new trucks [REDACTED] were observed approaching the field. It could not be determined where the vehicles had come from.<sup>5</sup>
13. About 1100 and 1500 on 7 September, a high-wing monoplane was observed aloft. A total of 16 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were counted at the field.<sup>1</sup>
14. An AA gun emplacement with 6 x 37-mm AA guns was observed in the southwestern corner of the field.<sup>2</sup>
15. A Token-type radar set, located on Rockstaedter Mountain was temporarily in operation and rotated slowly. A Kniferest-type radar set was established west of the Token-type set. Another set of an unidentified type was fitted on a mast, about 15 meters high; an antenna of several parts was on the mast. A metal mast braced by four guy wires was seen. At the masthead was a basket-shaped body of rods or netting. A similar mast with a basket-type antenna was located at a distance of 40 meters. A small temporary building had been established between the two masts.<sup>3</sup>
16. [REDACTED]
17. About 1200 on 15 September, no air activity was observed at the field. The alert flight was parked at the eastern side of the runway. At 1230, 4 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s landed at the field.<sup>1</sup>

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18. Only 4 canvas-covered AA guns were seen in the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field. The possibility of observation was limited.<sup>2</sup>

1. Comment. During the period of observation, the fighter regiment at Wittstock airfield mostly practiced firing at ground targets, at towed sleeve targets, formation flying in elements of two and flights of three.

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a large number of MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which previously had been observed in Puetnitz are now at Wittstock. However, there are no indications of the transfer of a unit from Puetnitz to Wittstock.

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2. Comment. The information that the AA battery is equipped with 6 x 37-mm AA guns has previously been received.

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3. Comment. As compared with a previous report, the only change in the radio equipment of Wittstock airfield was observed on the hill northeast of the Red Mill Inn: there were 2 masts with cage antennas which were probably used for VHF voice radio traffic during air activity.

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A relationship between the Token-type radar set and the air activity at the field was observed.

For sketch of cage antenna furnished by source 1, see Annex 1.

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4. Comment. The cartridge case of a 37-mm gun which was secured by source 2 is not forwarded since it is of normal manufacture. For sketch of base of cartridge case with dates of manufacture, see Annex 2.

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5. Comment. Most of the motor vehicle numbers reported have previously been observed in Wittstock. The

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6. Comment. It has not been determined whether the runway is to be extended.

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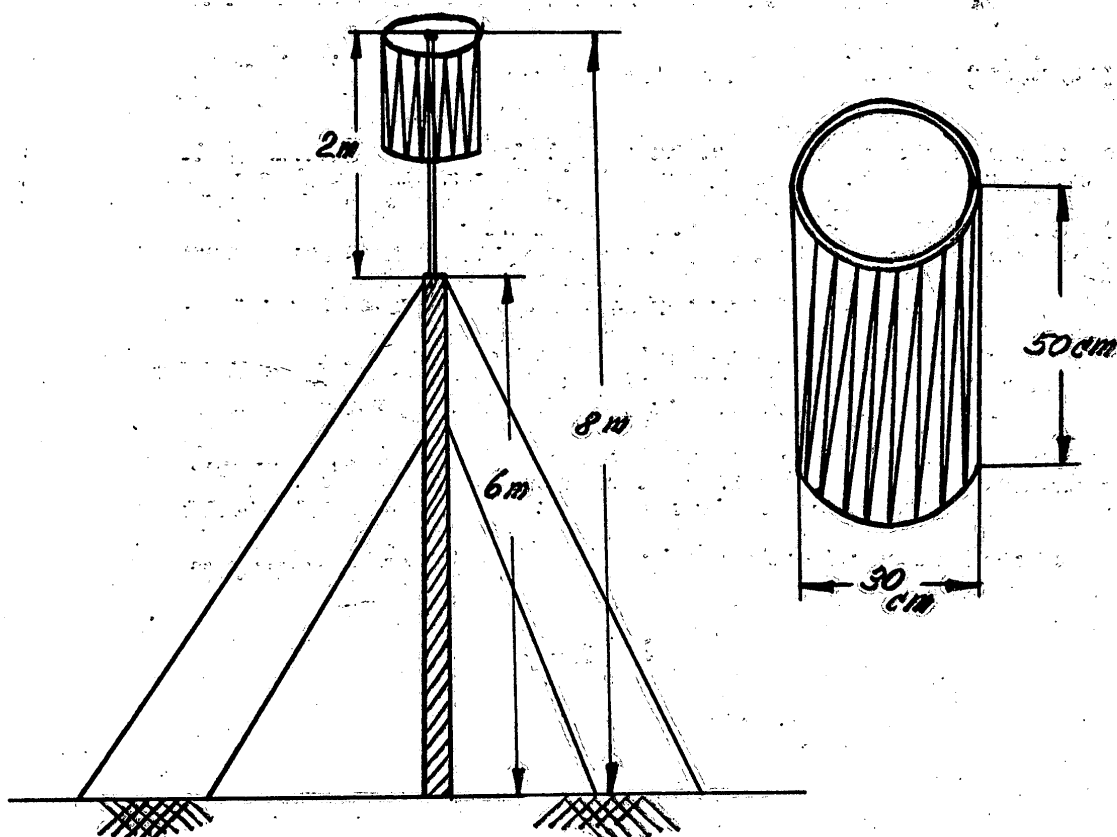
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Mast With Cage Aerial Observed at Wittstock Airfield

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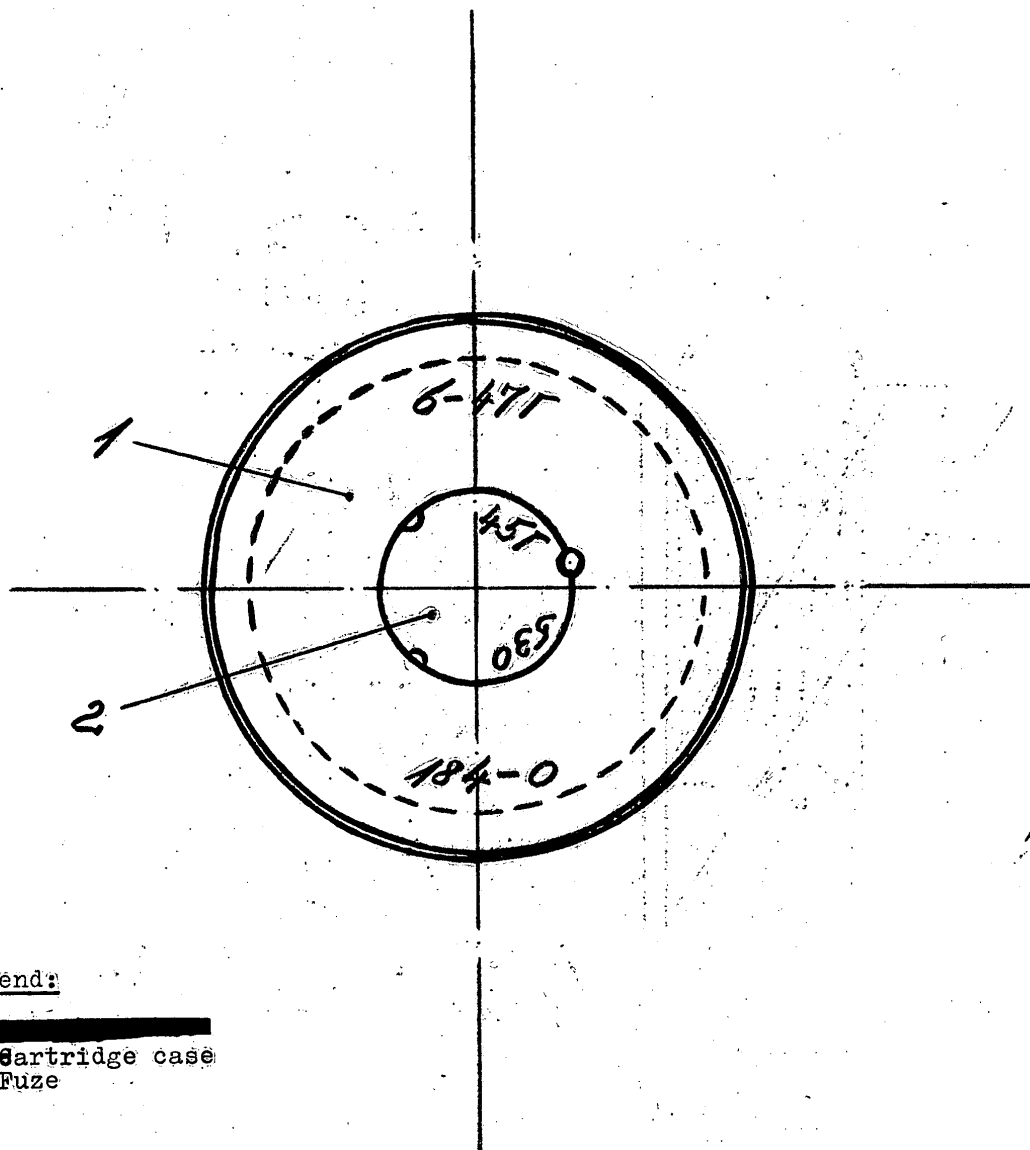
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Base of Cartridge Case Found at Wittstock Airfield

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Legend:

- 1 Cartridge case  
2 Fuze

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